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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

: CASE NO.

1:22 CR 089

v.

: JUDGE

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DARRIN JOHNSON,

: SEALED INDICTMENT

Defendant.

: 18 U.S.C. § 249(a)(1)

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**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

**BACKGROUND**

Unless otherwise indicated, at times material to this Indictment:

1. On or about August 17, 2021, Victim-1 was standing on a sidewalk located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Victim-1 is Asian American.

2. **DARRIN JOHNSON**, the defendant, was also on the sidewalk. **JOHNSON** approached Victim-1 while yelling slurs about Victim-1's Asian ethnicity, including blaming Victim-1 for COVID.

3. **JOHNSON** then punched Victim-1 in the face. Victim-1 hit a parked car with his head has he fell. **JOHNSON** continued his attack on Victim-1, who was bleeding on the ground, until bystanders intervened and restrained **JOHNSON**.

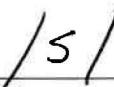
4. Victim-1 sustained injuries from the attack, including an orbital contusion, facial lacerations, and acute head injury.

**COUNT ONE**  
**(Hate Crime)**

On or about August 17, 2021, in the Southern District of Ohio, the defendant, **DARRIN JOHNSON**, willfully caused bodily injury to Victim-1 because of the actual or perceived race of Victim-1; to wit, **JOHNSON** punched and kicked Victim-1 because Victim-1 is Asian, causing injuries including an orbital contusion, facial lacerations, and acute head injury.

**All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 249(a)(1).**

**A TRUE BILL**

  
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**GRAND JURY FOREPERSON**

**KENNETH L. PARKER  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY**

  
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**MEGAN GAFFNEY PAINTER  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY**

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